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SUBJ: ENERGY: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON DANISH DELEGATION
TO WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE

REF: A. COPENHAGEN 327, B. COPENHAGEN 331

1. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON DANISH DE-
LEGATION TO ENERGY CONFERENCE (REF A) WITH EX-
CEPTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER GULDBERG (INFO SUP-
PLIED IN REF B) AND DANISH EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

2. JENS CHRISTENSEN. UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECO-
NOMIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
AGE 52. CAREER DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO EUROPEAN
AFFAIRS; ROSE RAPIDLY TO PRESENT RANK, ACHIEVED
AT AGE 45. WAS CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR DANISH EC
ENTRY AND HAS BEEN PRINCIPAL COORDINATOR OF
DANISH EC POLICY SINCE. IN ABSENCE OF MINISTER,
HE REPRESENTS DENMARK ON EC COUNCIL. IDEALISTICALLY
DEDICATED TO EUROPEAN COOPERATION, HE HAS BEEN
DEEPLY DISTURBED BY PRESENT CRISIS IN EC RELA-
TIONS AND IS PARTICULARLY BITTER ABOUT RECENT
DISRUPTIVE ROLE OF FRENCH ON MONETARY AND ENERGY
MATTERS. WHILE FOCUSSED PRINCIPALLY ON EUROPE,
HE UNDERSTANDS AND SUPPORTS NEED FOR CLOSE US/EC
COOPERATION. HE LAST VISITED WASHINGTON IN MAY
1973, ACCOMPANYING FORMER FONECONMIN IVAR NORGAARD.
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SPEAKS GOOD, BUT NOT ALWAYS CLEAR, ENGLISH.

3. HANS OTTO CHRISTIANSEN. DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. HAS HELD PRESENT POSITION SINCE 1961. RESPONSIBLE FOR INDUSTRY AND SHIPPING WHICH, INTER ALIA, INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, GENERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, NORDIC COOPERATION AND ENERGY POLICY. AGE 58; HAS BEEN IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE SINCE 1940. SMALL, UNIMPOSING, QUIET PERSON BUT ONE OF MOST COMPETENT OF DANISH CIVIL SERVANTS IN HIS FIELD. WIDELY RESPECTED AND POSSESSES WARM, CHARMING PERSONALITY* PRIOR TO ENERGY CRISIS LAST FALL, HE AND HIS MINISTRY WERE LITTLE CONCERNED WITH ENERGY SITUATION UNDER ASSUMPTION ENERGY SECTOR REQUIRED NO GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION OR CONTROL. SINCE CRISIS BROKE, HE HAS ENERGETICALLY PURSUED PRUDENT ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICY AND MAINTAINED CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE LIAISON WITH OIL INDUSTRY WITH MINIMAL REGULATORY CONTROLS.

4. NIELS USSING. DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. AGE 46. KEY ECONOMIST AND FINANCIAL EXPERT IN MINISTRY (APPROXIMATELY EQUIVALENT TO FINANCE MINISTRY IN OTHER COUNTRIES). HEADS ECONOMIC SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION OF ECONOMIC FORECASTS AND IS USUALLY DANISH SPOKESMAN AT ANNUAL OECD COUNTRY REVIEW. ADDITIONALLY, HE HOLDS TITLE OF COMMISSIONER FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC-POLITICAL COOPERATION WITHIN GOVERNMENT, INVOLVING HIM INCREASINGLY IN COORDINATION OF DANISH POLICIES WITHIN EC ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY MATTERS. HIS EXCELLENT ECONOMIC BACKGROUND AND, IN RECENT YEARS, BROADENED EXPERIENCE ON POLICY LEVEL QUALIFY HIM AS RANKING ECONOMIC AND MONETARY OFFICIAL ON DANISH DELEGATION. USSING SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, IS MODEST, UNASSUMING BUT AUTHORITATIVE IN HIS PROFESSIONAL DEALINGS AND, SOCIALLY A WARM AND ENTHUSIASTIC CONVERSATION-CONFIDENTIAL

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ALIST.

5. RUDOLPH THORNING-PETERSEN. DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, FOREIGN MINISTRY, AGE 46. ENTERED FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1952 AND HAS SERVED IN DANISH MISSIONS IN NEW YORK, CAIRO, MOSCOW AND STOCKHOLM. HAS APPEARANCE AND SOME OF MANNERISMS OF A SENIOR

BRITISH DIPLOMAT, WITH A KEEN SENSE OF HUMOR AND A PRONOUNCED INTEREST IN PERSONALITIES. ALTHOUGH HE TAKES HIS RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY AND CAN BE CLOSE-MOUTHED ON OCCASION, PARTICULARLY REGARDING INTRA-EC DISCUSSIONS, HE HIDES THIS BASIC SERIOUSNESS BEHIND A SOMEWHAT FLIPPANT MANNER

6. GUNNAR RIBERHOLDT. DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ADDITIONALLY, HEADS SECRETARIAT FOR MARKET AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT. AT 41, HE IS ONE OF DENMARK'S MOST BRILLIANT AND AMBITIOUS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS. ENTERED SERVICE IN 1958, CONCENTRATING ON EFTA, NORDIC COUNCIL AND EC AFFAIRS. SERVED AT BRUSSELS AND WAS ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AT PARIS FROM 1969 UNTIL ASSUMING PRESENT POSITION IN JANUARY 1973. HE HAS, OVER PAST YEAR, MOVED TO KEY POSITION IN COMMON MARKET POLICY-MAKING, FREQUENTLY BYPASSING HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR AND WORKING DIRECTLY WITH UNDER SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER. DURING 1973 COPENHAGEN SUMMIT, HE PLAYED IMPORTANT ADVISORY ROLE WITH PRIME MINISTER. HE HAS QUICK WIT AND INTELLIGENCE, EXCELLENT COMMAND OF ENGLISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN, LONG BLOND LOCKS (MAKING HIM EASILY RECOGNIZABLE AMONG EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS) AND A NON-ABRASIVE TRACE OF ARROGANCE.

7. JAKOB ESPER LARSEN. DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH, SCIENTIFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, FOREIGN MINISTRY. CONFIDENTIAL

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AGE 43. ENTERED FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1958. HAD PERIOD OF TRAINING AT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA IN 1961 FOLLOWED BY ASSIGNMENT AT DANISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. RETURNED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1964 AND SERVED, FROM 1968 TO 1972 AT DANISH MISSION IN GENEVA ON UN AND EFTA AFFAIRS. ASSUMED PRESENT POSITION IN JANUARY 1973. HAS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, IS SOMEWHAT COOL AND BUSINESSLIKE IN PROFESSIONAL DEALINGS. BACKGROUND IS LAW AND, WHILE NOT PARTICULARLY KNOWLEDGABLE ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT, HAS EXCELLENT GRASP OF POLICY ISSUES.

8. HENRIK WOHLK. PRIVATE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER. AGE 34, LAW DEGREE. ENTERED FOREIGN

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